

VISALIA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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Visalia Sportsmen's Association is a non-profit organization which is governed by the regulations set forth in The Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The section of the code which we fall under states that we are to be exclusively a social club, organized and operated for the pleasure and recreation of our members. The specific purposes of the club are: 1) to unite in the effort of solving local, county and statewide problems pertaining to the protection and propagation of fish and game and other natural resources in our area; 2) the conservation of our natural resources through the promotion and fostering of good public sentiment for better fish, game and forest management; 3) the encouragement of organized shooting activities among adult and junior members and the general public, so as to provide a better knowledge of safe handling and the proper use and care of firearms; and, 4) to take lawful steps to bring into effect those measures deemed to be in the interest of member sportsmen.

The next **BOARD MEETING** will be TUESDAY, April 15, 2014, **6:00 pm**. If you want to present an item for discussion at a board meeting, please contact a board member to be on the agenda. (Board meetings are held on the Tuesday following the general club meeting.)

The next **GENERAL MEETING** will be THURSDAY, April 10, 2014, **7:00 PM**. Held on the second Thursday of the month, the general club meetings are open to all club members. New members are encouraged to attend the meetings to become more informed and more active in the club functions. The club is located just north of downtown Visalia at 500 E. Roosevelt Avenue, one block south of Houston Ave, just east off of Sante Fe. If you see the giant water tower...you found us!

Please contact any of the officers or board members for any issue or concern you may have regarding your Visalia Sportsmen's Association.

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Good News for members who formerly received the **Newsletter** by USPS. Esther Gipson has volunteered to form a new committee to process and mail the newsletter for folks without a computer/e-mail address. Jim Mayfield has gone through the membership list and identified these individuals. The Board approved the necessary monies to pay for the mailings at the last Board meeting. The Board is also negotiating a license for a corporate e-mail address for the Club which would allow us to efficiently resume e-mailing the Newsletter in addition to posting it on the VSA website. The old method was discontinued because it was extremely inefficient and impractical. We will keep you posted on this development.

The **Wild Game Feed** will be held on Saturday, April 12th (doors open 6pm, dinner at 7pm). This is always a great event with wonderful food contributed by members and cooked by our fantastic team of VSA chefs!! The dinner is free but we are asking members to purchase \$10 raffle tickets for a Remington M770 .30-06 w/ scope or a Weatherby Vanguard .308 Win to help defray the costs of the side dishes and other food purchased by the club. To pre-purchase tickets call Jim Mayfield at 802-7967, Royce Nalls at 730-8485 or Sean Vedenoff at 786-6184.

PHONE NUMBER FOR THE CLUB: 635-7172. FOR THE RANGE: 651-3063

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MAY 2014

2 WED Public Shoot John Hedrick/Marty Malone/Pat Irving
 5 SAT Public Shoot Brian Fulmer/Bill Fulmer/????
 6 SUN Public Shoot Russ Broyles/Ted Phipps/Frank Tebeau
 9 WED Public Shoot John Hull/ Jim Mayfield/Riley Darby
 12 SAT Public Shoot T Holmes/J Sindlinger/Matt Hopper
 13 SUN **High Power Match/ Jr High Power Practice/4H**
 16 WED Public Shoot Steve Belsford/John Gerard/?????
 19 SAT **CBRSA (BENCH REST)**
 20 SUN **CBRSA (BENCH REST)**
 23 WED Public Shoot / John Gerard/ Jim Johnson/Riley Darby
 25 FRI **RANGE CLOSED 8am-12pm** Young Republicans Shoot
 26 SAT **4-H Tulare County Match**
 27 SUN **Black Powder/Jr. Rifle & High Power Practice**
 30 WED Public Shoot/ Tom Bell/Bill Fulmer/Darrell Smith

3 SAT Public Shoot John Hedrick/Mike Renzi/ ????
 4 SUN Public Shoot Jeremy Chavez/Stephenie DiNicola/Kyle Kinsel
 7 WED Public Shoot Earl Grimes/John Gerard/????
 10 SAT Public Shoot T. Holmes/ J. Sindlinger/ Terry Fawkes
 11 SUN **High Power Match/ Jr High Power Practice/ 4H**
 14 WED Public Shoot Tom Beu/Bill Fulmer/????
 17 SAT **CBRSA (BENCH REST)**
 18 SUN **CBRSA (BENCH REST)**
 21 WED Public Shoot Marty Malone/Pat Irving/????
 24 SAT Public Shoot Matt Hopper/ Mike Renzi/ Mike Benyo
 25 SUN **Black Powder/Jr. Rifle & High Power Practice**
 28 WED Public Shoot Rick Souza/John Gerard/Keith Perkin
 31 Sat Public Shoot Loren Metzler/ Doug Barnhart, Sean Vedenoff

Regular range hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for public shoot days. Range Safety Officers need to be on duty for the posted times. Please contact the following for more info on the special shoots scheduled at the range: **Black Powder** – Alan Reed 739-7402, **High Power/Jr. Rifle Club** – Steve Quinn 686-1945, steveq@carifle.com **CBRSA** – Dennis Thornbury 732-4401. The range schedule is subject to change without notice.
The range is closed to all other shooters on match shoot days; observers are always welcome.

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 Just a **friendly reminder** that, during the application period for the Club's liquor license (projected to be May, June and possibly July), there can be **NO** alcoholic beverages at the clubhouse or on its grounds (parking lot, etc.)! Please observe this restriction and do not bring any alcohol on to the property during this time period. Thank you.
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JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

Junior Rifle Club High Power Program Update: Last July we started the Junior Club High Power program. The first session started with 4 shooters who were introduced to NRA High Power Competition shooting using club equipment and ammo. One of the original 4, Justin George, has made the commitment to purchase his own equipment and ammo and attend the CMP national matches at Camp Perry in Ohio in July. Justin will be competing as a member of the California Grizzlies Junior Rifle Club which has achieved national prominence. Justin will be responsible for financing his travel and his equipment to be able to shoot competitively. He will receive coaching from several national champions between now and July and we know he will have a positive experience.

4H: The 4H season is winding down and we will have our county wide match at our range on Sat, April 26th. Spectators are welcome if you want to see 130 kids shooting a prone match. We start at 8:00 and end around 3:00. Lunch is available.

Summer Session Orientation: We will be finishing our 4H season in late May and will have openings for new shooters. Passing the Orientation class is required for anyone to be able to participate in the program. The next Orientation Class will begin June 4th and continue on June 8th and June 11th. The Orientation covers all aspects of firearms safety and the 5 basics of firing the shot accurately. The Orientation is only offered 3 times a year in January, June and October. This training is also available to adults on a space available basis.

Contact: Steve Quinn. 686-1945, 471-8143, steveq@carifle.com

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Hunter Education classes are scheduled for May 10th, June 21st and August 2nd. Registration for the classes is at Easley's Gun & Supplies, 8627 Ave 304, Suite G, Visalia. The class is free to club members (must show your membership card or you will have to pay the fee). Non-members pay a nominal \$10 fee. Information about the class is included with the registration materials. You must register at Easley's as there is no registration the day of the class. Call Loren Metzler at 280-8287 for more information.

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A reminder that there will be a meeting on March 29th at 10 am at the Clubhouse to discuss the **Trail Adoption and Maintenance Program**. A date will be set in May for the club to help club member Jason Philips with maintenance of his adopted trail, the Abby Rose Trail in Converse Basin. We will also discuss the possibility of VSA adopting a trail. Call Loren Metzler at 280-8287 for more information.

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The **College of the Sequoias Women's Equestrian Team** be at the April meeting to talk about their activities and to promote their annual fund-raiser, the Beast Feast, which will be held at the new Tulare campus on May 17th. From their webpage: "The Women's Equestrian team is a competitive program for female student-athletes. The team competes, on average, in over eight Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) sanctioned meets per year. These athletes are expected to maintain a 2.0 GPA as a full time student." The team has notified the Club that they are looking for 4 volunteers to serve as bartenders for the Feast; volunteers will receive free tickets to the event for themselves and their spouse/date and will rotate duties during the evening. Call Riley Darby at 625-1048.

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FOR SALE: High rise camper shell for long-bed Ford 250; \$450.00. Contact Riley Darby at (559) 625-1048.

FOR SALE: Hardly used Campbell Hausfeld Port. garage workshop air compressor. 20-gallon horizontal tank w/ 5 hp motor/120 volt, cast iron twin cylinder oil-lubricated pump; 10" semi-pneumatic tire & 50' of 3/8" air hose; \$350.00 obo. Call Jeff Dearborn at (559) 730-1829.

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CCW Permit Classes: Daniel Mansergh conducts the CCW permit classes once a month, at the VSA club house. Classes are held the first Monday of the month from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and are free to club members. There is no need to call ahead, just show up with your California ID and proof of current VSA membership. *He will not accept membership applications or renewals at the CCW class.* Non-members are welcome to attend for \$30.00 per person. Receive **Arizona or Florida CCW permit instruction** for an additional \$30.00 per person and an extra hour of class. He is approved for Tulare, Kings and Fresno Counties (Kings and Fresno County residents must qualify with their carry weapons. Range time will be scheduled at the class. No need to call first.) For more info, please call Daniel Mansergh at 559-741-3774; danielmansergh@gmail.com.

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Club member **Riley Darby**, who for the past several years has served at the annual **Swap Meet** coordinator, announced to the Board that he will have to step down this year. He has done a fantastic job for us and the Board thanked him for his work on this popular event. Riley had written up detailed notes on running the event and will be around to train his successor who will be **Linda Kaiser**. Thank you, Riley and Linda!!

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In spite of bad weather, the March **Range Clean-up** was a success. VP and CRSO Russ Beechinor reported that the pistol trap was cleaned out, lead was disposed of, target frames were built (thank you, David!), etc. Members working that day were: John Gerard, Jon Jones, Melissa Jones, Daniel Jones, Timothy Jones, Russ Beechinor, Jr., Jeremy Chavez, Royce Nalls, Sean Vedenoff, Jim Mayfield, Esther Gipson, Jim Johnson, Theadora Johnson and David Bird. Thank you to all for your participation!

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At the March Board meeting, club member and benefactor **Esther Gipson** requested permission from the Board to use some of the funds which she has generously donated to purchase items for the Junior Shooter programs and the range. The Board approved the purchase of five .22lr rifles, 4 cleaning stations, a safe and a new refrigerator and microwave for the block house. Thank you, Esther!!

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Range Officers: you will notice that we still have a need for more RSO's on the schedule. Please call Russ if you can fill in any of the uncovered dates. Russ has announced that the raffle at the end of the year for RSOs will be for a Taurus 9mm pistol and tickets will be given to each RSO for every day that they have served at the range that year. So help the club (and yourself) out by donating more of your time! Thanks!

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Safety First! It never hurts to remind ourselves of the basic safety rules for gun handling. Whether at the range or in the field, adherence to these basis rules help ensure that we keep our sport a safe one!

1. Always point the gun in a safe direction.

This primary rule of gun safety ensures a firearm will not harm you or others when discharged. Use common sense to dictate the safest direction. When outdoors, point the gun toward the ground or towards the target. If you are indoors, be mindful that a bullet can penetrate ceilings, floors, walls, windows, and doors.

2. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

When holding a gun, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Do not touch the trigger until you are ready to pull it.

3. Keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

Immediately engage the safety device, remove the magazine, open the action and check the chamber(s) when you pick up a gun. If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the gun alone and ask for assistance from someone who does. And always assume that a gun is loaded at all times!

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NO MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF TEN (10) YEARS OLD
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MINORS BETWEEN THE AGES OF TEN (10) AND
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ONLY ALLOWED TO SHOOT A RIM-FIRE HAND GUN.
MINORS BETWEEN THE AGES OF THIRTEEN (13) AND
EIGHTEEN (18)
WILL BE ALLOWED TO SHOOT A CENTER-FIRE
HAND GUN.
ALL MINORS BETWEEN THE AGES OF TEN (10) AND
EIGHTEEN (18) ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN ADULT
WITHIN AN ARM'S LENGTH WHILE FIRING A HAND
GUN.

RSO's and members: First time minors with their
family/guardian/responsible adult requesting to shoot a handgun
will be required to have RSO observation. (Jan 2013)

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